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NEW APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of

Alfred D Commins; Robert C. Gregg; William F. Leek; Karen W. Colonias; Arthur R. Inventor(s): Linn

Building Wall for Resisting Lateral Forces For (title):

1. **Type of Application**

This transmittal is for a continuation application.

Benefit of Prior U.S. Application (35 U.S.C. Sections 119(e), 120, or 121) 2.

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The new application being transmitted claims the benefit of prior U.S. application. Enclosed are ADDED PAGES FOR NEW APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL WHERE BENEFIT OF PRIOR U.S. APPLICATION CLAIMED.

3. Papers Enclosed

A. Required for filing date under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) (Regular) or 37 C.F.R. 1.153 (Design) Application

20 Page(s) of Specification 7 Page(s) of Claims 16 Sheet(s) of Drawing(s)--Formal

B. Other Papers Enclosed

40 Page(s) of declaration and power of attorney 1 Page(s) of abstract

4. Additional Papers Enclosed

Amendment to claims

Cancel in this applications claims 2, 9, 10, 19, 21, 22, 23, 26, 31, 33, and 34 before calculating the filing fee.

5. Declaration or Oath

Enclosed

Executed by: inventors.

6. Inventorship Statement

The inventorship for all the claims in this application is the same.

7. Language

English

8. Assignment

An assignment of the invention to Simpson Strong-Tie Company, Inc. will follow.

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Regular Application

CLAIMS AS FILED							
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Amendment can	celling extra claim Filing Fee Calcula		\$764.00				
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Enclose	ed Filing Fee				\$764.00		
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14. Relate Back

Amend the specification by inserting, before the first line, the following sentence:

This application is a continuation of pending U.S. patent application 08/975,940.

15. Maintenance of Copendency of Prior Application

16. Further Inventorship Statement Where Benefit of Prior Application(s) Claimed

a. This application discloses and claims only subject matter disclosed in the prior application whose particulars are set out above and the inventors in this application are the same.

Date: <u>August 3 2001</u>

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